

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: LEBANESE NATIONAL MOVEMENT

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1. EXTENSIVE ADDITIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE THIRD DAY  
OF THE VISIT BY A DELEGATION FROM THE LEBANESE NATIONAL  
MOVEMENT (NM) WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT  
BAKR-IN HIS CAPACITY AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ABSP.  
BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY AND UNITY OF VIEWS WITH  
REGARD TO EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL, AND LEBANON  
AND PALESTINIAN PROBLEMS IN PARTICULAR.

2. BAKR STRESSED THE NEED TO INTENSIFY THE CONFRONTATION  
WITH THE ZIONIST ENEMY, IMPERIALIST-BACKED REACTIONARY  
REGIMES, AND CAPITULATIONIST SURRENDER. HAWI ECHOED  
BAKR'S WORDS, AND PRAISED THE STAND OF THE IRAQI LEADERSHIP.

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3. IT APPEARS THAT THE VISIT HAS SERVED A NUMBER OF  
PURPOSES.

--HAVING GEORGE HAWI, SEC GEN OF THE LEBANESE  
COMMUNIST PARTY, HEAD THE DELEGATION IS PERHAPS A REFLECTION  
OF IRAQI INTEREST IN DEMONSTRATING THAT WHILE LOCAL

COMMUNISTS ARE STILL VIEWED WITH SUSPICION, FOREIGN  
VARIETIES ARE ACCEPTABLE AND DESERVING OF SUPPORT.  
THIS MAY ALSO BE A FORM OF CONCILIATORY  
GESTURE TO THE USSR.

--THE IRAQIS MAY INDEED HAVE DECIDED THAT IT IS  
IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR LINKS WITH THE  
NM IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON. WE ARE TOLD  
THAT THE FUNDS THAT WERE EARLIER FROZEN ARE PROBABLY  
GOING TO BE RELEASED AGAIN, BUT THIS IS DIFFICULT  
TO VERIFY.

--THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE NM IS  
SEARCHING FOR, OR HAS EVEN BEEN GIVEN, AN  
INTERMEDIARY ROLE IN SMOOTHING OVER THE DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN FATAH AND IRAQ. BOTH SIDES ARE TALKING  
CONCILIATION, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS  
OF INTENTIONS TO CONTINUE THE BATTLE, AND THE  
NM MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES IN THIS FUNCTION.

--FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION, MAINLY, THE VISIT WAS  
ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THAT IRAQ IS NOT ISOLATED,  
BUT IS IN FACT AN ACTIVE AND IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE  
ARAB NATION AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL. THIS IS A SUBJECT  
THAT IS REPORTEDLY OF GROWING CONCERN FOR THE  
LEADERSHIP.  
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--AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE NM IS USEFUL  
AS A MEANS OF REMINDING ASSAD (AS WELL AS ARAFAT) THAT  
IRAQ STILL HAS SOME ASSETS IN THE AREA.

4. WHATEVER THE RATIONALE, THE DELEGATION WAS WELL  
TREATED MEDIA-WISE, AND MAY HAVE MADE OTHER, MORE  
VALUABLE PROGRESS AS WELL. WITH THEIR REGULAR TROOPS  
OUT OF LEBANON, AND THEIR IRREGULARS UNDER SOME PRESSURE  
FROM FATAH, THE IRAQIS PROBABLY CONSIDER THE NM TO BE A  
FAR MORE ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE THAN IT WAS ONLY  
A FEW MONTHS AGO.  
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